

Public Calendar:

August 3, 2010: Workshop on Sensationalism in Media featuring a panel discussion on “Dumbing Down: Is the Pen losing Its Might?” by panelists Shishir Joshi, Co- Founder, JM Foundation for excellence in Journalism in conversation with Ravi Dikshit, Vice President, UTV Research, Mandar Phanse, Senior Editor, IBN Lokmat & Swati Deshpande, Legal Editor, The Times of India followed by a screening of the award-winning film “Network” the classic 1975 satirical about a fictional TV network and its struggle with poor ratings

Venue: American Center Auditorium, 4 New Marine Lines, Mumbai 400020.

Time: Panel Discussion: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Film Screening: 3:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis

August 12, 2010: Screening of American documentary films on Immigration -- “Made in LA” directed by Almudena Carracedo (Duration: 70 min)

Synopsis: This film follows the remarkable story of Latina immigrants working in Los Angeles garment sweatshops as they embark on a three-year odyssey to win basic labor protections from trendy clothing retailer ‘Forever 21.’ Director Carracedo: now a U.S. citizen, worked as a television director in Spain before coming to the U.S. as an international scholar to work on her doctoral dissertation at UCLA film school. Please contact MumbaiPublicAffairs@state.gov for details.

Venue: American Center Auditorium, 4 New Marine Lines, Mumbai 400020.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis.

August 13, 2010: Screening of the film “Freedom Writers”. Hilary Swank stars in this compelling true-life drama about Erin Gruwell, an idealistic young teacher who takes a job at Long Beach, California's tough Woodrow Wilson High School. Initially terrified of the gang violence and racial unrest that grips the school, Gruwell presses on, encouraging her troubled students to keep journals that become sources of inspiration for them. Patrick Dempsey, Scott Glenn and Imelda Staunton co-star. Please contact MumbaiPublicAffairs@state.gov for details.

Venue: American Center Auditorium, 4 New Marine Lines, Mumbai 400020.

Time: Two shows – 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis.

August 16, 2010: Mumbai Monday “Outstanding Oklahomans!” led by Vice Consul Michael Tapley. The discussion is about when Rogers and Hammerstein produced Oklahoma they knew that there was much more than waiving wheat and wind coming down the plains. At the center of the United States Oklahoma has been at the crossroads of American history, producing some amazing and notable characters. From movie stars to athletes we’ll take a look at the interesting people that make Oklahoma great!

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Time: 6:00 p.m.

Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis.

August 25, 2010: Screening of American documentary films on Immigration -- “Children in No Man’s Land” directed by Anayansi Prado (Duration: 39 min)

Synopsis: The film follows the plight of unaccompanied minors who travel into the United States. Two young cousins attempt to cross the U.S./Mexico border alone to reunite with their mothers in the Midwest. Director Prado: Latina magazine named her one of three up-and-coming Latina filmmakers in the United States. She is executive producer of a new Discovery series on humanitarian issues in the Latino community in the U.S. Please contact

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Venue: American Center Auditorium, 4 New Marine Lines, Mumbai 400020.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis.

August 26, 2010: Monologue performance by US performer Mike Daisey on “The Agony and Ecstasy of Apple CEO Steve Jobs”. A humorous take on Apple CEO Steve Jobs, whose deep obsessions have shaped our modern age. Created and performed by Mike Daisey and directed by Jean-Michele Gregory

Venue: ‘Rangswar’ Y.B. Chavan Pratishthan, Gen.Jagannath Bhosale Marg, Opp.Mantralay, Mumbai 400021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free. For passes please contact Ashwati Bharadwaj at the American Center from 18 August onwards Tel. 22624590, extn 2253

August 27, 2010: Screening of the film “The Visitors” which is a record-breaking hit in its native France, Jean-Marie Poire’s fantasy/comedy stars Jean Reno and Christian Clavier (who co-scripted with Poire) as a 12th-century knight and his squire who, thanks to a wizard, are transported to modern-day France and must battle autos, appliances and such strange notions as democracy and bathing. With Valerie Lemercier. In French with English subtitles. Please contact MumbaiPublicAffairs@state.gov for details.

Venue: American Center Auditorium, 4 New Marine Lines, Mumbai 400020.

Time: Two shows – 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis.

August 28, 2010: Saturday Kids Festival. This event is children 6-15 years; those 14 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Venue: American Center Auditorium, 4 New Marine Lines, Mumbai 400020.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis.